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In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: ZEMAN, R.A.

Serial No.: 10/056,407

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For: METHYLATED, SMD HOMOLOGOUS
PEPTIDES, REACTIVE WITH THE
ANTIBODIES FROM SERA OF LIVING
BEINGS AFFECTED WITH SYSTEMIC
LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 18, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2003 for which the three-month date for response is April 18, 2003. Included with the instant Office Action was a "NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES."

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/**11362.0011.DVUS01**.

In view of the following Amendments and comments, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.